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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN FEBRUARY 28 NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW

- 1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EX-PRIME MINISTER RIFAI AND COURT CHIEF SHARAF FEBRUARY 28 ON ABOVE SUBJECT.
- 2. RIFAI INDICATED HE WAS EXTREMELY GRATIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S PUBLIC HANDLING OF THE PROBLEM OF THE WASHINGTON POST STORIES ABOUT CIA PAYMENTS TO KING HUSSEIN. HE FELT THAT US AND JORDAN HAD BOTH AVOIDED WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES AND INDEED CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO OUR RELATIONSHIP BY THIS HANDLING OF THE MATTER.
- 3. SHARAF HAD NOT SEEN TEXT OF INTERVIEW, WAS PLEASED KING HAD SPOKEN OUT, BUT WAS SOMEWHAT NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT FORMULATIONS KING MIGHT HAVE USED TO HANDLE QUESTION.
- 4. IN LONG CONVERSATION LAST EVENING WITH ARMY CINC BIN SHAKER, HE TOLD US HE TOO WAS PLEASED KING HAD DECIDED TO SPEAK OUT AND HOPED THAT KING'S AMERICAN FRIENDS WOULD APPRECIATE HIS HONESTY, PLAIN SPEAKING, AND CONTINUING STRONG ATTACHMENT TO OUR RELATIONSHIP AS WELL AS HIS DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT WITH NATURE OF SECRET

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